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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98. It is understood that the information provided herein is solely for the purpose of fulfilling Applicants' obligations under the law and should not be construed as nor is it intended to be an admission of prior art.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the application filing date, it is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1). Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due, however, if a fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

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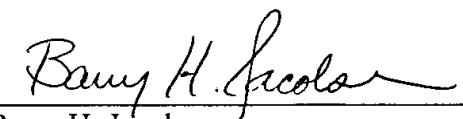
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A copy of each of these references and a Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

Accordingly, in view of the present submission, it is now believed that the present application is in all respects complete and in condition for examination and favorable consideration.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments with regard to this Information Disclosure Statement, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact undersigned counsel.

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